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"I presume it does. But how about the journey back?"

"Well, I always remember after I start that I've forgorten something my wife wanted particulary, so that ride is always over too soon."

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Since 1861 I have been a sufferer from catarrh. I tried Ely's Cream Balm and to all appearances am cured. Terrible headaches from which I had long suffered are gone.— W. J. Hitchcock, Late Major U. S. Vol. & A. A. Gen Buffalo, N. Y.

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A VALENTINE PARTY.

That Valentine Day is one of all others in the year's calendar regarded as sacred to lovers is an established fact, but why this especial Saint is their patron history fails to tell, although we know from it that he was an Italian Bishop of the third century, and that his life was one of great holiness and simplicity; also that his fidelity to his faith won him a martyr's crown. Claudius, the II., having ordered him beheaded at Rome, on the fourteenth of February, in the year 270.

St. Valentine's feast is therefore a most appropriate honor for a party for young people, and can be made very enjoyable for them.

A writer upon the subject says: "St. Valentine! Youth has devotees, rose his color, flowers his emblem! I" With all these crowded into one trust, how could it be otherwise than charming.

The prevailing features of a valentine party should be simplicity, and an effect of old customs. From grandpapa, or grandmamma, a few hints as to their mode of entertaining half a century ago will be found useful. The invitations should be written or engraved on cards in quaint old script, adorned with golden or silver cupids, and lovers' knots in pink ribbon effects. it will add much to the pleasure of the occasion to invite young friends who are lovers.

The parlors should be adorned with pink flowers, roses being particularly desirous. A quiver of silver, tipped arms, hung under the chandeliers. A bow of flowers with a drawn arrow suspended over the mantle, or a fair waxen cupid hid in a basket of roses, stood on a table, are pretty devices.

The decoration of the table will admit of the exercise of much taste, and should be in every way suggestive of the occasion. Pink rose-buds, or forget-me-nots, are the prettiest flowers, and may be arranged with firs and vines so as to produce a beautiful effect. Pink should be the prevailing color in china, candles, shades, ices, cakes.

The menu should be printed on pieces of handsome pink ribbon, or satin, in silver letters, daintly handpainted turtle-doves, images of cupid, rose-buds, or other emblems of love will add much to their beauty, and make the menu cards a pretty souvenir of the occasion. The young ladies of the family, as well as the youthful guests, may add to the charming and fairy-like scene by wearing pink in various bright airy fabrics.

Dainty trifles should be served, as the most suitable food for the festival of love. The small cakes should be heart-shaped, the larger ones iced and ornamented with candy cupids, lovers' knots, and forget-me-nots.

Chipped-beef, cheese straws, chicken salad, wafers, beaten biscuits, and sandwiches, are sufficiently substantial for a valentine party, while water ices ambrosia, lemon jelly, whipped cream, angels' food, snow cake, valentine kisses, bonbons, and delicate fruits are the most suitable desserts.

A drowning man would have little use or a method of rescue which would require days. A dyspeptic doesn't want to bother with a remedy that is going to take weeks to show its beneficial effects.

The Mount Lebanon Shakers are offering a product under the name of Shaker Digestive Cordial which yields immediate relief. The very first dose proves beneficial in most cases and it is owing to their unbounded confidence in it, that they have put 10 cent sample bottles on the market. These can be had through any druggist; and it will repay the afflicted to invest the trifling sum necessary to make a trial.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial relieves by resting the stomach and aiding the digestion of food.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Advantage of Being a Blacksmith.

Among the seven trades which a student in mechanical engineering must learn at Cornell is that of a blacksmith. Occasionally there is a protest, but it is never heeded. One dude ten years ago was unusally averse to soiling his hands. But he had to work at the forge just the same. Last fall he went to Professor Morris and thanked him for being compelled to learn blacksmithing. "Why? asked the professor. "Why, you see," replied the former dude, "I am now superintendent of a mine away back in Colorado. Last summer our main shaft broke, and there was no one in the mine but myself could weld it. I didn't like the job, but I took off my coat and welded that shaft. It wasn't a pretty job, but she's running now. If I couldn't have done it, I'd have had to pack that shaft on mule back and send it 300 miles over the mountains to be fixed, and the mine would have shut down till it got back. My ability to mend that shaft raised me in the eyes of every man in the mine, and the boss raised my salary."

Intemperance Among Women.

There is much said about the growing habit of intemperance among women; perhaps more than the facts would warrant. If this habit exists it is owing to the fact that women are often forced to perform domestic, and social duties under great physical suffering, and by partaking of liquors for temporary relief or a little protraction of strength, the habit becomes a necessity. If all the ladies who suffer with the complaints peculiar to their sex, would take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, they would find nature's restorative, and the evil results of pernicious drugs and liquors would be avoided. For all cases of nervous and general debility, sleeplessness, spasms, periodical pains, suppressions and irregularities, it is the only medicine sold by druggists that can be implicitly relied upon. No medicine for women sells so largely.

HORSE FOLLOWED FUNERALS.

"Some years ago," said Alderman James C. Gilbert to a reporter, "I had a tenant down town who died, leaving a wife and helpless family. Their only property consisted of an old mare, and more to oblige them than any thing else I bought the horse. She was gentle and my wife adopted her for her own driving, and was much pleased for awhile, as the old mare was so gentle that my wife could drive her about town herself.

"It seemed, however, that the mare had once belonged to an old lady over in Albany who had a mania on the subject of funerals and made a point never to miss one. The old mare's principal occupation for years had been to follow funeral processions to the cemeteries. One day my wife was driving down the street, when she suddenly encountered a negro funeral, followed by a number of societies with all the paraphernalia of an imposing cortege.

"The old mare recognized the procession at a glance, and calmly turned into the line of the parade. In vain my wife tugged at the reins and tried to turn out The old mare knew her business, and with head hung down solemnly followed close behind the mourners. Occasionally they would meet an acquaintance of ours, and they looked with surprise at the tribute which my wife was apparenly paying to the deceased, until my wife was frantic with mortification and anger.

"At every crossing she would appeal to bystanders to stop the old mare, but they didn't seem to understand, until at last they passed a policeman, who, in response to my wife's tearful appeals, stopped the old mare and dragged her out of the procession, much to her surprise and disgust. Of course I had a good laugh over it, but it was no laughing matterwith my wife and I had no peace till I sold that old mare and got her out of sight for good."

—*Louisville Courier Journal.*

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tubes. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Why Called Tumblers.

Every day we drink out of a tumbler. Why is the large glass that holds our milk and water so called? Years ago Prof. Max Muller was giving a luncheon at All Souls' college, Oxford, to the Princess Alice, the wife of the grand duke of Hesse-Darmstadt and the second daughter of Queen Victoria There were not a dozen guests besides the princess and her husband, and a very agreeable luncheon we had, with talk on all kinds of interesting subjects.

But what excited the curiosity of all strangers present was a set of little round bowls of silver, about the size of a large orange. They were brought round filled to the brim with famous ale brewed in the college. These, we are told, were tumblers, and were speedily shown how they come by their names—a fitting lessons for the guests of a philologist. When one of these little bowls was empty it was placed upon the table mouth downward. Instantly, so perfect was its balance, it flew back to its proper position as if asking to be filled again. No matter how it was treated—trundled along the floors, balanced upon the soft, thick carpet, up it rolled again and settled itself with a few gentle shakings and swayings into its place, like one of those India rubber tumbling dolls babies delight in.

This then, was the origin of our word tumbler, at first made of silver as are all these All Souls' tumblers, Then, when glass became common, the round glasses that stood on a flat base superced the exquisitety balanced silver spheres and stole their names so successfully that you have to go to All Souls' to see the real thing.—Jeweller's Circular.

How and Why It Rains.

Rain is an accumulation of the tiny particles of the vapor of the atmosphere into drops. These drops, first small of size, attract others of their kind and become drops of such magnitude that they fall to the earth because of their weight. There is a limit to the quantity of water which the air is capable of absorbing and retaining as invisible vapor. Warm air is able to hold more than cold air. Hence, when the air which is saturated with moisture becomes cold for any reason whatever, it can no longer retain its moisture. A portion must, under such condition, accumulate into drops. These fall to the earth in the shape of rain.

Look out for colds at this season. Keep yourself well and strong by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great tonic and blood purifier.

Gaggs—My boy has weak lungs. What business do you think would be best for him? Waggs—Make him a professional pugilist. It's the greatest lung developing business in the world.

Washington .....Letter

FIFTEEN Republican Senators voted for the free coinage substitute for the House bond bill, which passed the Senate by a vote of 42 to 35, and three Republican Senators who would have voted for it, Hansbrough, of N. Dakota, Dubois, of Idaho, and Wolcott, of Colo., were paired. As there is no possibility that the substitute can become a law the only interest attached to the matter was the record made by the vote. With the exception of Senator Cameron, of Penn., all of the Republicans are believed to have voted in accordance with the views of a majority of their constituents.

The Democratic members of the House committee on Foreign Affairs having refused to agree to any resolution submitted by the Republican members of that committee, the Republicans adopted, and, of course, the House will also, a resolution expressing the sense of the House that Ambassador Bayard's un-American utterances in recent speeches in Great Britain were improper and that he be censured therefor. If Bayard has any sense of manhood left he will resign when the House adopts that resolution.

Senator Pettigrew, of S. Dakota, sometimes has a prophetic mood. While one of them was on him he said. "The bill will die in conference. The House will not agree to the free coinage substitute of the Senate, and all of the various compromises that may be proposed will go into the waste basket. There is no common ground upon which the House can meet. The revenue bill will be reported from the Committee on Finance without amendment, and will pass the Senate in the same shape it passed the House. It will then go to the President, who will knock it in the head with his little veto and end financial legislation for this session. We will then pass the approaiation bills and go home before the first of May, making the short st long session on record.

Speaker Reed has been presented with a gavel from Mr. Blaine's birthplace, accompanied by the following letter, which is self-explanatory: "The wood for this gavel was taken out of the window frames of the Blaine House. A living shrine is more satisfactory than a dead one, a man's house is more attractive than his grave. To see the rooms in which he lived and talked, the bed on which he slept, the chair and table where he wrote, the the very pen which his living fingers guided these very sights bring the man before us and he lives again. James G. Blaine belongs to history. Knowing the Hon. Thomas B. Reed to be a friend of the dead statesman, we send him this gavel as a token of our esteem and respect for him personally, and as our standard bearer in 1896. We hope when taps of this gavel shall call the House to order, it will call before the members the form of Hon. James G. Blaine, whose words have echoed through the chamber which now knows his voice no more."

While there are many men in both branches of Congress who are as much opposed to Mr. Cleveland's policy as Senator Tillman, of S. C., is or can be, there are few men in Congress who do not openly condemn the blackguard language which Tillman used to express his opposition. The President's position should protect him from personal abuse..

The Union Republican Club, of Washington, proposes to celebrate the fortieth birthday of the Republican party by holding a big mass meeting on the evening of Feb. 22nd. A large hall has been engaged, and already the invitations of the club have been accepted by a sufficient number of Republicans of National reputation to make it certain that the celebration will be the brilliant success it deserves to be.

If the Democratic members of the Senate all follow the example of the Democrats of the Election committee, it will be left for the Populists to decide whether Senator Dupont, of Del., shall get the seat to which he was legally elected. The Election Committee has, by the vote of every Republican member, reported in favor of Senator Dupont's right to the seat, but if the Democrats all the vote against him he will have to get some Populist votes to get in. Neither Senator Dupont nor his friends have any doubt of his final success.

It is said by some that the reason some of the Republican senators oppose making a change in the offices of Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate is that they control more patronage under the present Democratic officials than they could hope to retain under new ones. An attempt is to be made the last of this week to settle the question at a caucus of Republican Senators.

Senator Gorman virtually acknowledged the hopelessness of the Democratic cause when he announced his intention to retire from the Democratic National Committee and all participation in National politics, in order to fight for his own political life at home. He knows that the Republicans of Maryland will leave no stone unturned to have him succeeded by a Republican, and that he has no time to devote to National forlorn hopes.

Care of the Hair.

Brush your hair every night and morning with long even strokes. Divide it into two parts and brush each part separately. Keep the brush clean by giving it a weekly bath in ammonia water. Change the style of hairdressing three or four times a year, from the top of the head to the middle, and to the nape of the neck. The hair has a tendency to grow thin in the place where it is piled for any length of time. The hair should be washed once a fortnight, unless it be very dry. Then it should be washed once a month. Warm water, pure soap and plenty of hot damask towels should be the materials used in a shampoon. Washes and bleaches are fatal to the life of the hair. Tonics should be used only on the advice of a competent physician. The ends of the hair should be clipped and singed once every month.

The Proper Time

When the most benefit is to be derived from a good medicine, is early in the year. This is the season when the tired body, weakened organs and nevous system yearn for a building-up medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla. Many wait for the open spring weather and, in fact, delay giving attention to their physical condition so long that a long siege of sickness is inevitable. To rid the system of the impurities accumulated during the winter season, to purify the blood and to invigorate the whole system, there is nothing equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. Don't put it off, take Hoods Sarsaparilla now. It will do you good Read the testimonials published in behalf of Hood's Sarsaparilla, all from reliable, grateful people. They tell the story.

Some time ago an amorous young man sent a letter to a German lady, and the postscript was added:

"That my darling may make no mistake, remember that I will wear a light pair of trousers and a dark, cut-away coat. In my right hand I will carry a small cane, and in my left a cigar. —Yours ever, Adolphe."

The father replied courteously, stating that his daughter had given him authority to represent her at the appointed place at the time agreed on. His postscript was as follows:

"Dot mine son may make no mishnakes, I vill be dreshed in my shirtsleeves; I vill vear in mine right hand a glub; in mine left haud I vill vear a six-shooter. You vill recognize me by de vay I bats you on de head a goople times twice mid me glub. Vait for me at de cerner, as I have somedings importants to inform you mit.—Your frent, Heinrich Muller.

Why Do You Live.?

"I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the heavens that bend above me,
And the good that I can do."
But O, that fate would give me,
And hundreds say so too,
Some safe and potent agency
That would my health renew.

Of course, because then you would be more useful to your fellowmen. Well, that wished for agency is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. There is nothing that can compare with the "Discovery" as a curative agent for sour stomach, constipation, impure blood, biliousness, liver and kidney troubles.

The two girls were walking along Woodward avenue talking about their best young men, of course. At least, one of them was.

"Charley was up to see me last night'" she said, with a twitter.

"That's twice in a week, isn't it?" inquired the other.

"Yes;" and she blushed and gigled.

"I suppose he'll come three times in the next week."

"I suppose so."

"And four times the next?"

"That's what brother says."

"And five times the next?"

"That's what sister says."

"And six times the next?"

"That's what Aunty says."

"And seven times the next?"

"That's what papa says."

"And then what?"

"Then we'll get married; that's what everybody says."

"And then what?"

"Then I won't see him any more of an evening; that's what mamma says."

How to Breathe.

Cultivate the habit of breathing through the nose and taking deep breaths. If this habit was universal, there is little doubt that pulmonary affections would de decreased one-half. An English physician calls attention to this fact, that deep and forced respirations will keep the entire body in a glow in the coldest weather, no matter how thinly one may be clad. He was himself half frozen to death one night, and began taking deep breaths and keeping the air in his lungs as long as possible. The result was that he was thoroughly comfortable in a few minutes. The deep respirations, he says, stimulate the blood currents by the direct muscular exertion, and cause entire system to become pervaded with the rapidly generated heat.

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An Old and well tried remedy.—Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers or their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens he gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Is pleasant to the taste. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. 25 cents a bottle. Its value is incalculable. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and get no other kind.

CHEFS OF NEW YORK.

Important Personages In Clubs—Valuable Wives Who Are Cooks.

Cooks were men of high pay and much distinction in old Greek days, and they have come to be persons of consideration in modern New York. When a man, lunching at a club the other day, found a particular dish especially to his taste, he asked, with some hesitation, whether the cook could be persuaded to reveal the secret of its composition. The head waiter thought he might and undertook to be the diplomatic intermediary between the dining room and the kitchen. There came in reply an inquiry from the gentleman below stairs as to whether the gentleman above stairs could read French, and when this query had been answered in the affirmative there came from the nether region the recipe, neatly written and well expressed in that language, upon the note paper of the club. The club member sent his respects and acknowledgments to the invisible potentate of the kitchen, and thus an agreeable incident came to an end.

Nearly all clubs and considerable hotels have French cooks, male, of course, though it is usual in small clubs to employ as second cook a woman. The chef in a large club has as many assistants as he demands and is a personage of the highest consideration, well paid, much deferred to, and, as far as possible, conciliated. Cooks maintain their ancient reputation for ill temper, and the company in the luncheon room of a Fifth avenue club was startled one day to see some sort of kitchen underling burst into the apartment, actively pursued by the raging cook, butcher knife in hand, bent upon doing execution upon the frightened offender. A good club cook costs from $750 to $1,200 a year, and there are some who receive much higher salaries.

One finds in some of the smaller French restaurants a woman cook, perhaps the wife of the proprietor, a tireless creature who labors late and early and manages by her peculiar gift to confer a special reputation upon the place. A wife such as that is an unspeakable treasure to any restaurant keeper, for not only does she do the work of a skilled and well paid man and keep it up for twice as many hours as he can be induced to stay in the kitchen, but, above all, the cooks that are at the same time wives, whatever their peculiar traits and however ill their tempers, do not "give notice." The services of such a wife can hardly be valued in money, and widowed indeed is the man that loses her.

A pleasing feature of a restaurant that has now, alas, deserted the old French quarter for the new was the occasional presence of the cook, clad all in white, his paper hat on his head, in the dining room among the guests. He knew some of the regular patrons, and it was his custom to honor one or another by taking a seat at his side and entering into conversation. The chef in most clubs, hotels and restaurants is an object of awe to all his fellow servants, if indeed the cook may, even by implication, be called a servant. His moods are watched; his moments of rage are indulged. The waiter that must carry to the kitchen a dish that has been rejected in the dining room sneaks in with fear and trembling and endeavors to propitiate him whose art has been called in question. The cook comes in for a large share of the Christmas box at every club. Though he may be unknown by sight to any member of the club, and a stranger even to the house committee, he is known by his deeds, and he stands firmly for all his rights and privileges. To dismiss so great a man is a duty that few care to take upon themselves, and to admonish him is the most delicate and diplomatic of tasks.—New York Sun.

A Tongue Twister.

Try it yourself, very slowly and carefully, until you can say it easily; then pass it along to your friends. Here it is:

"She stood at the gate, welcoming him in."

Ten to one a person trying to pronounce the sentence for the first time will fumble it laughably. These tongue twisting sentences, however, are good elocutionary exercises. They give you control of your vocal organs, so that you can enunciate properly, just as finger exercises on the piano or organ give control of the fingers.

What an immense amount of mechanical practice does it require to establish anything like a close sympathy between the brain and the physical organs!—Philadelphia Record.

Wanted Some of the Same.

A little boy was taken by his father into a cafe for dinner. As they were eating their dessert the father handed the waiter a bill, which that worthy carried to the cashier's desk, returning presently with a little pile of change on a silver plate. Robby's eyes grew bright. "Oh, papa," he said, "I'd like a plate of that too!"—New York Herald.

Briggs—"You know Gaggs, don't you?" Braggs—"Oh, I have a tenuous acquaintance with him."

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TO ADVERTISERS.

In justice to ourselves and to you we wish to state that the circulation of the TRANSCRIPT is over 1,200 copies weekly and has been for the past five months. We believe this to be at least 25 per cent. greater than any other country weekly in the county. This statement is made merely to correct an erroneous impression which obtains in certain quarters.

THE OUTS VERSUS THE INS.

The "ins" are always advocates of civil service; the "outs" are opposed to it, until they get in. Civil Service is a humbug, a first class humbug so far as the General Government is concerned. It retains in office a lot of fossils who become lazy and arrogant. It is a tax on the people to maintain a class of mugwumps without political principles and who regard only self. That is true. After every election "the boys" who are in get together and parcel out the plums. They work the newly appointed chiefs by concert of action, and having gotten all there is in it, they turn to the next with smiling and expectant faces. A gentleman from Washington recently told us that already "the boys" in the Departments are preparing for the next change of administration, and are combining to parcel out the best places among themselves. The spoils system may have been bad but it could not have been worse than civil service humbug.

We believe that the States and especially the cities want a better system than the one they now have. It should be a tenure of office for a specific term, with direct responsibility to the people. Certainly we do not desire to create a class of office holders, who will soon seek to become pensioners as they are in England. That idea has already many advocates in the Departments at Washington and various plans of providing pensions have been proposed. Do the people desire this? We think not. They do desire more economical administration of the public offices, however. Why should fat salaries be paid to office holders when the people are forced because of the stringency of the times to economize and to deny themselves? It is because the people are so partisan as to cling to party and party men right or wrong. For this they pay the penalty.

The difference between the political "ins" and the "outs" may be noted in the attitude of our Maryland neighbors. The Democrats now claim that the Republicans were Civil Service Reformers only until they got in, and that under that plea they secured many Democratic votes. The *Easton Star* in a leader on this subject says:

"How the Republicans prated about Civil Service Reform before the last election. They actually made some very good Democrats believe that they meant all they said about it. They made many Democrats believe that the campaign which they were waging was simply and purely a kind of religious service, organized upon grounds of patriotism. And in furtherance of that idea Mr. Lowndes wrote letters to ministers of the various churches, appealing to them to help the Republican party in its work of reform. Surely it was a strange admixture this—Republicanism and religion. Well, the Republicans were successful, and now for the redemption of the promises. That is entirely another question. One good old fashioned Democrat who was led away from the path which he had trodden for many years, was heard to exclaim the other day, "Why they (meaning the Republicans) are not going to turn the Democrats out of subordinate places, are they? I certainly should never have voted for Mr. Lowndes had I thought that was going to be the result."

But how any Democrat could be fooled into voting the Republican ticket with the belief that they would carry out their promises is past our comprehension. Civil Service is dead already, so far as the counties are concerned, and if the legislature passes any civil service law for Baltimore City, it will not be until every Democrat is removed and his place is filled by a Republican."

If the Republicans are so foolish as to break their ante-election pledges they deserve to be beaten at the polls, and they will be. The *Star*, however, is not fair. It is partisan and does not do the Republicans justice. It wants Civil Service for "the outs" only. The Snow Hill *Messenger*, which is just as strongly Democratic as is the *Star* gives the whole matter away. It says:

"Senator Bruce of Baltimore and Senator Smith of Worcester had a lively debate the other day over Mr. Bruces' Civil Service bill. Bruce was trying to force the counties to adopt his pet, but the county members led by Col. Smith successfully opposed it. It was too radical a measure, preventing Clerks of the Court and other officials selecting their deputies, as well as containing many other ridiculous features."

Now Senator Smith is the leading Democrat in the Senate, the caucus nominee for U. S. Senator, and he is opposed to the reforms, leading in their defeat. Why? Because the Democrats are in power in a majority of the counties. He is willing for the "outs" to advocate it but none for him and his friends when they are "in." If reform is good for the city government why not for the counties? "Too radical!" says the *Messenger*. Bah! It's politics—that is all. Why not be politically honest?

CHICKENS COMING HOME.

The TRANSCRIPT will not uphold wrong doing in its political friends. Just at the present time there is a great hue and cry being made over the returns of the assessor of the Third District in Wilmington, a Republican. It is claimed that the return of the colored men assessed is out of all proportion to the vote cast in that district. This is not conclusive proof of the inaccuracy of the assessment. We all know that colored men in Delaware are deprived of their votes whenever the election machinery can be operated to do so, and not only colored men but all Republicans. And it is stated that this assessment is not out of proportion to the votes cast when compared with previous Democratic assessments. Were they wrong? Then why were they accepted? The assessments should be fair and impartial, but have they been, and which party has been the greatest sufferer from them?

It appears that this is a case of the Democratic chickens coming home to roost. Some years ago the Democratic Assessors padded their lists and a Republican Levy Court attempted to purge the list. The Democrats carried the matter into the Court of Chancery, Mr. Bayard was one of the leading counsel for the Democrats, and it is said that he wrote the Chancellor's opinion which decided that the Levy Court could not change the lists, that the work of the Assessor was final and must be accepted. We should like to see Assessor Whann's lists stand for two reasons.

1 The assessment of a man can do no harm as he is compelled to register before he can vote. He must have a residence and prove it and, as the TRANSCRIPT pointed out last week in the matter of the "Every Evening's" dummies, the registration and voting districts are so very small that every man is known personally. Then no great harm can be done by them.

2. We should like to see what new crook the Democratic machine will take to override the solemn decision of the Chancellor and of Ambassador Bayard. If an injunction will hold against a Republican Levy Court to prevent it from purging the assessment of Democratic frauds, why will it not hold if the conditions are the same, only the parties being reversed? The Democratic politicians have boasted for years that they have the Courts with them and here is an opportunity to test the matter. As we have said we can see no opportunity for harm in letting the assessment stand as we now have registration, which we did not have when the Democrats padded the assessment, and the opportunity for our Court to show that it is not so partisan as the Democratic politicians have boasted could be used to prove that matter.

These Democratic chickens are very annoying birds and it is amusing to hear the "Shoo! Shoo!" of the Democratic press to keep them off their home roosts. The "Every Evening" weeps about it and between its "shoos" and tears, takes courage thusly:

"It has been decided by the courts of this State, that the Levy Court has no power to purge the assessment lists after they have been duly prepared, but it is a question whether the Levy Court has not a right to refuse to accept such an assessment as that submitted by Assessor Whann. * * * *

With these names once upon the books as prepared by the clerk of the peace, the Levy Court would have no right to strike off a single one, according to the last judicial decision upon the question, but there may be no dispute as to its right to refuse absolutely to accept an assessment so manifestly wrong as the one submitted for the Third district by Assessor Whann."

Undoubtedly the Levy Court, being Democratic, will try to find some way to over ride the law, their own laws, made by them, practiced by them, and upheld by their Courts. They have postponed consideration of the matter until next Tuesday.

If these assessments are padded it is a shame that the law upholds them. Our elections and the qualifications of an elector, should be free from all restraints and even the shadow of fraud. There should be no unwelcome chickens to come home to roost. Why not have it so?

POPULAR LOAN.

Bids were opened in the Treasury on Wednesday for $100,000,000 of United States 4 per cent. bonds to run for thirty years from Feb. 1st, 1895. There were 4640 bids aggregating offers for $556,269,850. There were "crank bids," not included in the above, of $120,000,000. The bids ranged from par to 150 for a single $50 bond, but enough offers were made over 110 to take the entire loan. It is a popular loan and indicates the great amount of money in the country that is seeking safe investment. It is a rebuke to the loan made last year by private contract for $50,000,000 by which Cleveland and Carlisle put into the pockets of friends over seven millions of dollars. They made the loan at about 104½ per cent, and the syndicate sold it at 119, pocketing the difference, a cool seven millions. The public were not allowed to subscribe to that loan, but so great was the indignation of the people that another such move was not to be dared.

The loss of the $7,000,000 is but a small part of the loss the country has sustained by the Cleveland administration, however. It has stopped factories, closed machine shops, thrown upon the people an army of tramps, unemployed men, reduced the hire of the laborer and the earning capacity of the capitalist, until there is an abundance of money to be had at three per cent., on first class security, and all that a blow might be struck against Protection, the policy of the G. O. P. which has developed the country into a Nation, and for ever hereafter to be written with a capital N.

OUR CZAR.

"The proposition to increase the Governor's salary from $4,500 to $8,000 a year is not in keeping with the campaign promises of economy. There are plenty of good men in Maryland who would take the job at $4,000. Delaware pays her Governor $2,000 and he is the Czar of the State."—Snow Hill (Md.) *Messenger*.

LAWYERS, LOBBYISTS, LEGISLATORS.

"Lawyers are dangerous fellows to bother with if we are to judge from the fact that a Sussex county lawyer recently was forwarded a bill for $1,500 loaned to him a year ago. He quickly sent back a bill for $2,500 for services rendered during the last Legislature. What more could be expected?"—*Ex.*

Who was the man that loaned (?) $1,500, and why should it be loaned to a man who could render service to the extent of $2,500 during the session of the Legislature? It is easy to guess, and certainly the proof of such a condition of facts as stated should make among honest men less friends of the fellow who advertises himself as buying his way into public position and then boasts of owning men? It casts a suspicion on every friend such a man has, often unmerited suspicion, but poor dog Tray lost his life because of the bad company he kept.

Nor are "lawyers dangerous fellows" necessarily. There are lawyers and lawyers. Some of them are not like Cæsar's wife—they are not above suspicion, and especially in matters of legislation. Every legislator has had experience with lawyer lobbyists, and there are gentlemen of the profession whose living comes principally in that way. They are dangerous fellows. They make it their business to have men nominated for public office whom they can influence, whom they can trade upon, either with or without the knowledge of the office holder. Public men respect them for their power of intrigue, their ability to do harm, and they treat with them accordingly.

But not all men who seek legislation are selfish, nor are all the lawyers who draw and look after legitimate business lobbyists. They are known by their fruits. Delaware has some of them nor do they all reside in Sussex county. They are leeches upon the public and suck the blood of honest, industrious sons of toil. Why are they encouraged? Because they are "good fellows" in a certain way, but the "way" does not commend itself to the serious thought of serious people.

IT IS TO BE.

On Friday of last week the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections by a vote of 5 to 4, a strict party vote, decided to recommend that Col. duPont is entitled to his seat. It will take some time to prepare the reports, the majority and minority reports, from the committee and then a day will be set for their consideration. It is probable that the Democrats will discuss the reports, perhaps for a day or more, and then a vote will be taken. Republicans believe that Col. duPont will be seated, that he is entitled to his seat since Governor Watson had no right to participate in the proceedings of the General Assembly. The Democrats think he will be seated, and they are calling names and making faces about it. They entered into a disgraceful conspiracy to prevent an election, and having apparently lost they are angry with themselves. They are throwing mud at Col, duPont, at his attorneys, at Republican Senators, but it defiles only themselves. They and their followers threw mud at Abraham Lincoln whom they now adore or pretend to; they threw mud at Ulysses S. Grant as a Union General and as President of the United States, and now they say he always was a Democrat and a good one; they threw mud and stones and eggs at Nathaniel B. Smithers whom they have just praised, and rightly so, as one of God's noblemen, an honest man. They threw mud at Lincoln, and Grant and Smithers because they stood up for their Republicanism. duPont and Higgins and Bradford can well afford to smile at their mud slinging efforts. There are plenty of conscientious Democrats who believe that Col. duPont was elected Senator, and there are hundreds of others who as honest men are willing that their Republican neighbors shall have the privilege of keeping their own consciences. They are saying if it is to be Senator duPont then he is our Senator. And they are good citizens.

About the worst case of partisan rabbies in this matter is the attack of Clerk Hastings of the Senate. Because his journal is referred to as a record of the proceedings of the Senate by Republicans he berates them in the following refined (?) language through the *Every Evening*.

"My object in writing this communication is to acknowledge the mistake in my journal, which evil disposed persons are attempting to use to discredit the statements of other gentlemen. My only regret in the matter is the small error on my part as clerk of the Senate should have afforded the unprincipled representatives of the Republican press a pretext to cast suspicion upon some of the most honorable men in my party in their vile attempt to obtain a seat in the United States Senate for a man who was never elected to that office."

How great is the contrast between our Democratic press and that outside the State! The Philadelphia *Times* expresses the feelings of many Delaware Democrats in the following:

"But in deciding in favor of DuPont's election, the Senate committee recommends the seating of an entirely worthy and responsible man, an excellent representative of his State and one of a class of men of whom the United States Senate has never been in so much need as now. Colonel DuPont is not only an able an honorable gentleman, but he is a man of broad views, and upon the question that above all presses upon public consideration at this time his attitude is unequivocal. He is a sound money man in the fullest and best sense, and for this reason, if for no other, his accession to the Senate should be a subject of rejoicing."

We have not the space to give even a brief synopsis of the strong and conclusive arguments of Col. duPont's counsel in sustaining his claim. It is convincing and this is why the Democratic boys are so angry. Messrs. Bradford and Higgins and Paine have the hearty thanks of the Republicans of Delaware for the labor and time they have put upon their case. Their work is appreciated, and we have no doubt as a result of that work it will be Senator duPont. And so mote it be.

Is the "Every Evening" honest? We leave our readers to judge. It said "they (J. B. Penington, Chas. A. Hastings and the Senate Journal) show that while Governor Watson was in the Speaker's chair, Senator Alrichs arose at his desk, and addressing him as "Mr. Speaker," reported a bill for the judiciary committe, which bill was subsequently passed, Governor Watson answering to the name of "Mr. Speaker," and *voting on the roll call!*" The Senate Journal does nothing of the kind. Its testimony is against Governor Watson and contradicts Mr. Penington. The TRANSCRIPT called the attention of the "Every Evening to its mistake (?). It has failed to correct it. What is the conclusion of honest men as to the intention of "Every Evening?"

DELAWARE CITY.

Miss Mattie McMunn is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

C. Wingate was home on Sunday.

Mrs. H. Cairns, is visiting in Linwood, Pa.

Rev. G. S. Gassner was in Dover on Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Hunter is visiting in Wilmington.

Mrs. A. Roxburg, of Wilmington, is visiting in town.

Miss Mollie Pordham spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Miss Julia Sadler is spending a few days at "Greenlea."

Mrs. S. Vankirk and children, of Camden, are in town.

Miss Agnes Vail spent Thursday with friends in town.

Misses Emma and Julia Clark are visiting in Wilmington.

Robert McClellan, of Portland, Oregon, was in town this week.

W. T. Vail and George C. Price have returned from Philadelphia.

Mr. ann Mrs. E. C. Reybold have returned from a visit to Coatesville, Pa.

The W. T. C. U. met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Jester, Monday evening.

Miss Allie Clark is visiting her sister, Mrs. K. Sadler in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warren have returned from a visit to their sister near Masseys.

Mr. Manning, of Trenton, N. J., was the guest of the Misses Cheairs, on Sunday.

Rev. A. Baum, of Brooklyn, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Jester.

Mrs. John Patterson, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. C. Van Culin on Sunday.

Charles Schaeffer, of Chesapeake City, spent a few days with relatives here this week.

P. Messig, who has been spending some time with his brother, has returned to Philadelphia.

Miss Bessie N. Price, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Price.

Miss Blanche Layfield, of Wilmington, and Miss Eva Sutton, of St. Georges, were in town yesterday.

C. J. Nickolson, of Philadelphia, secretary of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, was in town this week.

Patrick Tosney, who died of consumption on Tuesday, was buried Friday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Paul's R. C. Church yard.

All who travel on the Ericsson boat from here will be glad to learn that the company will shortly build waiting and freight rooms at the locks.

Miss Annie Hickey was tendered a surprise party on Monday evening in honor of her birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent and at a later hour refreshments were served.

Peter Hagan, of Philadelphia, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Hagan is one of the owners of the Steam tug Elizabeth McOwen which was burned in the Canal, above St. Georges, early Monday morning.

IN KENT COUNTY.

The Charles Harris contested will case will be heard by the Register in Dover on Monday, Feb. 24th. There are a half dozen attorneys interested in the matter.

Diphtheria is so prevalent at Hazletville that the people of neighboring towns have asked the State Board of Health to take some action to prevent the spread of the disease.

C. E. Chapman of New York State will address the Farmers Institute of Kent county as follows: February 10th, at Smyrna: February 11th Camden; February 12th, Felton.

Deputy Collector of Poft Peter B. Ayars has been at Little Creek and Mohan's ditch admeasuring boats under the recent law passed by Congress. He measured nine boats while on his trip.

H.P. Holt, who resided on a farm near Magnolia from 1866 to 1888, was killed at Los Angeles, California, this week by train. The family reside in the Golden State, except his daughter, Mrs. Foster, of Wilmington.

Thomas Gooden, the son of I. K. Gooden, of Willow Grove died on Monday last of diphtheria, aged 13 years. There has been four or five cases of diphtheria in that vicinity and two deaths therefrom have already occurred.

Announcement is now made that the Dover and Milford Electric Railway Company does not build the road because the people along the route will not subscribe $50,000 to the stock, presumably enough to build it, while promoters would put $150,000 in stock in their pockets. The farmers can't see it that way.

The Levy Court of Kent county has been in session this week settling with the road overseers and passing other accounts. The court is composed of the following gentlemen: C. H. Pardee, president; James T Truax, R. C. Stevenson, A. C. Frasher, Joshua D. Hill, George W. Collins; Benjamin Cubbage, H. E. Mabrey and David M. Clouds.

The invitations to the leap year dance in Dover have been issued and are novel and neat. They read, "At Hotel Richardson, in Dover town, the ladies throw the leap-year gauntlet down on February 11, Tuesday night, they claim their legendary leap-year right to give creation's lords a point or two what they the next eight years would have them do. At half past eight p. m dancing will begin, so be on time if many partners you would win."

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MY MARYLAND.

Cotton seed meal is being largely used by Kent county dairymen. One farmer last week received a ton of meal at one shipment.

An Elkton firm has since Dec. 1 salted and packed in barrels over 16,000 pounds of pork and manufactured barrels of sausage and scrapple, and, and will during the winter pay to the farmers of Cecil county $5,000 for dressed hogs.

Wednesday of last week the kindling wood mill of W. B. Miller, situated at Hebron, Wicomico Co, was destroyed by fire. The loss was about $2,000 partially covered by insurance. About thirty cords of wood were also burned.

The St. Paul's M. E. Church South, at Ingleside, which has been handsomely remodeled, will be re-dedicated Sunday, Feb. 9th, by Bishop A. W. Wilson, the noted divine of the Southern church. There will be other ministers present.

The "Easton Democrat" is advertised to be sold at Trustee's sale. This makes three of the four newspapers at Easton sold under the hammer within the past sixty days! One of them has changed hands twice during that time. The hard times are telling on the press as well as the plough.

Fifteen years ago Maryland and Virginia furnished from the Chesapeake 17,000,000 of the 26,000,000 bushels of oysters eaten by the people of the United States. This year they will not furnish more than 5,000,000 bushels, and the largest oyster territory in the world diminishes in its productiveness each year.

A bill has been introduced in the Maryland Legislature relieving the husband of pecuniary responsibility for his wife's slanders. This is calculated to cause many men to heave a sigh of thankfulness. The tendency to indulge in slanderous gossip is sometimes carried to great excess by some women.

A week before Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kemp celebrated their tin wedding at their home in Talbot County, and very pleasantly entertained their friends on this occasion. Among the evening's festivities was dancing, and among the invited guests was the Rev. Harry A. Cresser, temporary rector of St. Michaels parish. During the evening Mr. Cresser and his charming hostess enjoyed a quadrille together, and that fact gave some of the staid people of the town something to talk about. Criticism and expression of opinion one way or the other were freely indulged in, and are yet. Mr. Cresser is a plain spoken though pleasant, young man, and says he does not care what the public thinks of his dancing. *Exchange.*

CURRENT EVENTS.

The big ocean Steamer, St. Paul, which went ashore in a fog on January 25, on the New Jersey coast, was floated on Tuesday. The cost of getting her off the beach is estimated from $100,000 to $150,000.

Lizzie Hickman, a notorious woman, who died at Knoxville, Tennessee, on Sunday, left a confession that Lee Sellers, lynched there eleven years ago for the robbery and murder of Drummer Edward Mains, was innocent, and that she lured Mains to an isolated sport, where Ike Wright, an outlaw, committed the deed. Wright disappeared at the time, and all efforts to locate him have failed.

The statement of the chief dispenser of the South Carolina liquor establishment shows that for the eleven months ended December 31, 1895, the total net profits were $106,131. 28. The total sales during that time amounted to $1,076,963 65. Commenting on this showing the Savannah News says: "If the dispensary is looked upon merely as a monopoly created by the State for the purpose of raising money, then it appears that the concern has been attended with a measure of success."

One of the most destructive fires that Philadelphia has had for years visited that city early Sunday morning last. The Haseltine seven story building, 1416 and 1418 Chestnut streets, and the five story structure of the American Baptist Publication Society, were totally destroyed, and the buildings on either side were damaged by falling walls and water, including the Hotel Lafayette. The loss is estimated at a million and a half.

General Harrison, in a letter to the Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Indiana, formally declined to allow his name to go before the next National Republican Convention as a candidate for Presidency. General Harrison thanks his friends for their kindness and remembrance of him, and concludes his letter as follows: "I cannot consent that my name be presented to be used in the St. Louis Convention, and must kindly ask my friends to accept this as a sincere and final expression upon the subject." The letter is accepted by all save a few of his Hoosier friends as final, and the friends of all the other candidates are claiming that the ex-President's withdrawal will give strength to their favorite.

FROM OLD SUSSEX.

Bridgeville held its town election on Monday. It was an exciting contest between additional tax or no tax. The colored vote was brought out for the first time and the progressive ticket, the retiring board, was re elected by a majority of 28. The successful ticket was as follows: G. W. Stradley, Alderman; R. Reese Layton Assessor; J. B. Stillson, Treasurer; Henry P. Cannon, Thomas J. Gray, H. W. Viven, L. J. Moore and Horace Sudler, members of Town Council.

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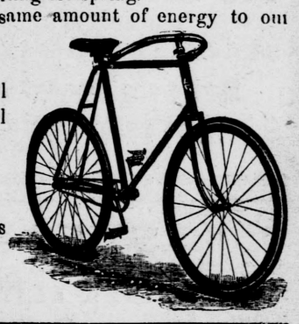
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Stack No. 6.—Contains large lot of Men's Suits we have sold at $7.50 and $8.00, your choice $4.97.
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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 8, 1896

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We shall begin this week sending out, for the second time, subscription bills, and as soon as it is convenient we trust our subscribers will remit the amounts due. A dollar a year is a small matter but a hundred annual subscriptions means a hundred dollars. Several hundred means several hundred dollars. We should like to have a subscription list with no arrearages over a year. Such subscribers are the most appreciation readers, and advertisers like them best.

The label on your paper should show the date to which it is paid. If there is any mistake we wish to correct it, and having adopted a system of checking subscriptions we believe we can guarantee against errors in the future. Let the TRANSCRIPT hear from you.

Local News.

—Did the ground hog see his shadow?

—Walter Reed, a lad of Dover, has smoked so many cigarettes that he has lost his voice. Let the boys in Middletown take warning.

—The annual session of the Wilmington Conference of the M. E. Church will convene at Dover, March 18, Bishop B. C. Warren presiding.

It is a humiliating consideration for the most popular man that, allowing him a circle of acquaintances of some 30,000 individuals, there still remains in the world about 1,445,920,000 who do not know or care a pin about him.

—At a negro wedding when the clergyman read the words "love, honor and obey,' the bridegoom interrupted him and said, "read that again, sah! read it once mo' so's the lady kin ketch de full solemnity ob de meaning. I'se been married befo'."

The moon during the month of February will be in her last quarter on the 5th, new on the 13th, in her first quarter on the 21st and full on the 28th. On the 13th of the month an annual solar and on the 23th a partial lunar eclipse will take place.

O business man, when at your e e e,
On some good papers you should c c c,
And this advice if you are y y y:
Go straight away and advert i i i.
You'll find the project of some u u u—
Do not delay—there's no ex q q q.
Be wise at once, prolong your d a a a.
A silent business soon d k k k.

An exchange says: Every man in business, or who has property to devise, should at the commencement of the new year make out and place on file for the convenience and information of those who are to succeed him, a detailed statement of his assets and liabilities.

—Who weeps with you when you are sad, and laughs with you when you are glad? The editor. Who has to do both kind and wise, and never (hardly ever) lies, and when he does, creates surprise? The editor. Who owns a heart as well as cheek, is possessed of a spirit proud yet meek, and lives on 40 cents a week? The editor.—Ex.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18th, the State Council of Delaware, Jr. O. U. A. M., will convene in Middletown. Twenty-five different Councils will be represented with some seventy-five delegates. General I. T. Parker is at the head of the organization in Delaware, and he has done much during the year to advance the order. The Mechanics will be most welcome to Middletown.

—Mr. Booth is a very enterprising sort of a man but no one expected that he would bed oysters on our streets, yet he did that thing in a small way on Wednesday and in his liberal fashion threw in a few crackers. It all happened by the breaking of a pair of hames, the frightening a pair of horses, and the sudden landing of a pair of men on the sidewalk. A little damage to the wagon—that is all.

—The "Sussex Countian" has completed the printing of the journals of the Senate and House for the last session of the General Assembly of this State. The two volumes contain over 3000 pages. The work consumed four months' time and covered more than a ton of paper, and the item of most interest to the taxpayers is that they cost $3500.00, $1700.00 for the Senate Journal and $1800.00 for the House.

—Drink, and the gang drinks with you; swear off, and you go it alone; for the barroom bum who drinks your rum has a quenchless thirst of his own. Feast and your friends are many; fast and they cut you dead; they'll not get mad if you treat them bad, so long as their stomach is fed. Steal, if you get a million, for then you can furnish ball; it's the great big thief that gets out on leave, while the little one goes to jail.

—A bashful young man of a neighboring town, while attending a recent revival service, was approached by an earnest young lady, who said to him; "My dear friend, it would fill my heart with joy to lead you to the altar." The young fellow replied in confusion: "I appreciate the honor you wish to confer upon me very much, but being engaged to two girls already it will be impossible for me to accommodate you."

—It is stated upon excellent authority that the work of building the Elkton and Middletown branch road will be begun as soon as the change of line is completed north of Elkton Md. The road was begun in 1894 and built through Elkton south a short distance to the Elk river, where the work ceased. Branches were built to connect with a number of factories. Some $90,000 has been expended for the right of way.—*Exchange.*

—Bishop Leighton Coleman is one of the forty-nine bishops who have signed the petition addressed to President Cleveland, asking him to take some action toward bettering the condition of the Armenians. The same petition will also be sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Czar of Russia, as head of the Greek Church; the Emperor of Austria, as a representative of Roman Church and the Emperor of Germany, as the head of the Lutheran Church.

—Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. has just paid to the heirs of their late fellow member and brother, William S. Moor, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars death benefits. This is the amount of insurance carried by every member and is at a cost of only $1.65 a year. The cost is a mere trifle compared with the social and fraternal advantages to say nothing of the insurance feature. Assuredly the objects of the Junior Order with its other advantages should win to it many friends.

—Gov. Watson has announced that he will appoint Calvin W. Crossan, of Christiana hundred, as Register of Wills to succeed Mr. Cooch whose term expires June 4, 1896. There were four other candidates: Senator John Pyle, L. Irving Handy, T. I., J. Baldwin, and Wm. F. Smally, Jr. Mr. Crossan is a personal friend of the governor's and he will make a most efficient and acceptable officer. He was elected to the State Senate in 1886, and has been trustee of the poor for three years past, being present chairman of the Board.

—Next Friday will be St. Valentine's day.

—Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb' 19th.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and Argricultural Implements on hand.

—$40 per month and expenses paid good men for taking orders. Steady work. Apply the Protective Nurseries, Geneva, N.Y.

—Mrs Jane Webb, of Port Penn, has bought the real and personal property willed to her by he late husband, Mr. W. C. Webb.

—Mr. Joseph Biggs was elected President of the Citizens National Bank in place of Mr. Henry Clayton, deceased, at the meeting of directors this week.

Rev. Albert Chandler united in marriage on Wednesday, Feb 5, at the Townsend M. E. Parsonage, Mr. Adbert Johnson and Miss. Hanna B. Helveston.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Scott celebrated his 72d birth day on Monday by a family dinner, participated in and enjoyed by their sons and grandchildren.

—It is getting to be qtite the thing to graduate and get a position through the recommendation of that fine school. Goldey's Wilmington, (Del.,) Commercial and Short Hand College. Get a Catalogue.

—Middletown seems to give a cold shoulder to shows. The Empire Theater Stock Co., billed for Monday and Tuesday evenings did not get an audience either night, and the stereoptican variety did not meet expenses the week previous.

—Patrick Neary is busy constructing the new St. Augustine road at Port Penn, and the Delaware Construction Company has commenced work upon the new jetty at Liston's Point. The two give employment to quite a number of men in the village.

—Burglars broke into the store of W. A. Lofland at McDonough on Thursday night, rifling the store. They fastened the stairway door so that the clerk could not get down, though he was not awakened, and proceeded to pack up and get away with the goods. The loss is said to be between $500,00 and $600,00.

—The young ladies of Forest Presbyterian Church very materially assisted last spring in raising the funds to put electric lights in the church by a series of sociables at which a silver offering was taken at the door. They were so successful and entertaining that it has been determined to repeat them. The first will be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank McWhorter, Thursday evening next.

—Poor Caleb Jane can't help it. He promised his readers to discontinue his abuse of the TRANSCRIPT. He did so just a month, but he cannot keep his word. Last week his principal editorial (?) was a slur at the TRANSCRIPT, and this week he goes out of his way in the disguise of a communication, prepared in his office, to notice the editor. Poor Caleb Jane, the growler and old granny.

—It was a year ago on Thursday that the memorable blizzard came. This year it was a rain and wind storm, almost a hurricane. It was most severe to the north of us. It rained for nearly twenty four hours, the heaviest since May 1894. In New York and Philadelphia the wind was very severe, blowing down buildings and overturning carts on the streets. The rivers overflowed their banks and a number of lives have been lost.

—One of our farmers brought to town last week two peach baskets of eggs, and carried home $15—a weekly occurance. His opportunities are no better than other farmers, except that he protects his chickens as he does the other stock on his farm, from inclement weather, by proper shelter when cold or wet. He sees that his chickens also have the necessary ingredients with their food, and does not hesitate to gather glass when found in sufficient quantity, and takes home and crush as he does shells, in his bone mill. Many farmers are always in the drag because they will not see after the little details, *Smyrna Times.*

—The Grand Jury on Thursday bought in indictments of murder in the second degree against Daniel Brown, John J. Swan and Michael Lynch, the Farnhurst attendants, charging them with causing the death of Leon Pisa on October 5 last. One count charges Swan as principal, and Brown and Lynch as accessories; another charges Brown as principal, and Lynch and Swan as accessories; and last charges Brown and Swan jointly. In the first two, Lynch is mentioned as accessory, but he is not mentioned in the last count. Two bills for assault and battery upon Lewis S. Laws, Stockley Daniel and Robert Kenyon are brought against Lynch. Wednesday next was fixed as the date to begin trial:

—Mr. James Downs, of Mount Pleasant, was summoned to Downs' Chapel, Kent county, on Monday because of the illness of his father. Mr. Joseph C. Downs, who died early Tuesday morning, the last survivor of a family of seven brothers and two sisters. Mr. Downs was born on Nov. 18, 1818, and was married on Feb. 27, 1844, to Miss Elizabeth Luff, who with three sons, James Downs of Mt. Pleasant, and Fletcher and Charles W. Downs of Down's Chapel, survive him. Mr. Downs has had remarkable health, never having had a physicion until last fall when he was taken with rheumatism. He took cold which developed into pneumonia and was taken worse on Jan. 28. Mr. Downs was one of the kindest of husbands and fathers a good neighbor, moral and upright citizen. He died with the hope of a christian and all that was mortal was laid to rest on Thursday in the old Kenton Church yard.

CHURCH CHIMES.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Forest Presbterian Church meets every Sunday evening in the Lecture room at 6 45. Topic for Sunday evening Feb. 9th. "Christ's Warnings." Meeting to be led by Miss Bessie Anderson.

There will be another of the meetings for "men only" at the M. E. Church on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock. Mr Wood hopes for a meeting as encouraging as the one held two weeks ago. All men are cordially invited.

—Rev. F. H. Moore will begin a two weeks season of extra services in the Forest Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Feb. 19th. He did expect the assistance of Rev. Mr. Fitzsimmons, pastor at Rock and Zion, Cecil county, but that gentleman has been compelled to take a rest because of some bronchal trouble.

Thirty probationers were taken into the M. E. Church of Middletown last Sunday morning, making just sixty accessions to the Church since the revival services began on Dec. 29th. The interest in the meetings is not flagging, the congregations being large, and especially the Sunday audiences. On Sunday the church was crowded at both the morning and evening services. The pastor has been assisted this week by Presiding Elder Adams, of Dover, and Dr. C. H. Morgan, of Spring Garden Baptist Church of Philadelphia. The former preached on Tuesday evening and the latter on Wednesday evening. Next week Rev. W. K. Gallaway, the evangelist, will assist in the meetings. He is well known in Middletown and has many friends here.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Miss Anna Adams, of Dover, is visiting Miss Sallie Jolls.

—Miss Josephine Biggs is visiting friends in the Quaker City.

—Miss Helen Naudain is in the Monumental City visiting friends.

—Miss Mary W. Anderson is visiting Mrs. L. M. Hartman, York, Pa.

—Misses Bessie and Adda Foard are visiting friends in Wilmington.

—Miss Lida Asprll, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. John S. Crouch.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Francis, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Margaret Clayton.

—Mrs. William Kates home from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. T. B. Craddock, in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. J. M. Authors and daughter, Miss Susie, of Kenton, are visiting Mrs. M. B. Burris.

—Mr. J. J. Hoffecker has gone to North Carolina on a trip thatll extend over the next thirty days.

—Mr. John Ratledge, of New York, came home this week and is quite sick at his father's near town.

—Mr. John Armstrong, of Smyrna, was greeting his Middletown friends on our streets on Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Johnson, of Cecil County, Md., were guests of Mrs. Budd last Saturday and Sunday.

—Mr. George Chambelaine, of New York, paid his relatives and friends in Middletown a visit last Sunday.

—Master Elwood Reed is ill with typhoid fever at the residence of his grandfather, Mr. N. Burris on Crawford Street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Jolls, of Wyoming, paid a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jolls, the first of the week.

—Prof. DeKeller Stamey left on Thursday evening for Westminister, Md., where he was to speak before a Teachers' Institute yesterday.

—Mr. Chas. Wood and daughter, Miss Ida Wood and Miss Sappington, of near Chestertown, Md. were in town this week, guests of Misses Merritt.

—Rev. C. H. Morgan, D. D., pastor of Spring Garden Baptist Church, Philadelphia, paid a flying visit to his nephew, Dr. C. A. Ritchie, this week.

—The bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Poole, have returned from their bridal trip, and are at "Sugar Loaf" at McDonough. Their first "at home" is the 19th.

—Miss Bessie S. Anderson in company with Miss Laura Bucke attended on Friday evening of last week the reception given to the ladies by the Sons of Delaware at their club rooms, Philadelphia.

—Charles W. Cullen, Esqr., and Mr. John C. Smith, of Georgetown, were in town yesterday. They had escorted two of our young ladies to see the Old Homestead in Philadelphia, and the ladies said it was almost as pleasant as sailing in Sigrun on Indian River.

—Mrs. N. M. Browne, of Wilmington, who was in town for a few hours on Monday, accidentally left her hand bag lying on the car seat; it contained her purse and railroad ticket, and she feared it was lost beyond recovery, but through the intervention of Station Master Black, it was returned to her the next day.

—Mrs. Catherine Merritt made a mis-step on coming down stairs one day this week and fell, hurting herself so severely that she was confined to her bed for a few days, but is now much better again. She is the oldest lady in the town—past 84, and her friends are greatly relieved that she has sustained no serious injury from the misstep.

At Booth's Ice Cream Saloon to-day will be found creams, frozen strawberry (from natural fruit), vanilla and chocolate.

A Surprise.

On Tuesday Mr. Michael Kumpel was busily engaged in planning among his brother Knights of Pythias and other friends a surprise visit to the home of "one of the boys." He did his part and when the company had assembled at the rendezvous in the evening Mr. Kumpel was in high glee at the success of the party. "A man having fat cattle to sell" was looking for Mr. Kumpel, and Mr. K. excused himself to find the man, "for fat cattle are scarce now, you know boys." He followed the man, or rather the report of the where abouts of the man, around to his own home, and——lo! he met the boys who greeted him with congratulationi upon his 37th birthday. It was a jolly company with a full table and good cheer. Mr. S. A. Pitt read the following original poem:

Mike's Pumpkin Pie.

The bards of Jersey may sing of the melon,
It's smooth jetty seeds and its ripe ruddy core,
And the feast of the epers with ecstasy dwell on.
Reclining at noon on the cool breezy D ela ware shore;
But for Mike The Kumple, the rich soil of New Castis produces
An offering more dear to his taste and his eye,
The bright yellow pumpkin—how mellow it's juices,
When tempered with jinger and baked into pye.
Let epicures, like unto Dickinson, Lightcap and,
Suydam with dainties their appetites pamper,
And gaze with delight on the splendors of plate,
Be stunned with a bu tle, and bid pages scamper—
Such pleasures as these Mike One Kumple resigns to
Jolls and Bratton the great;
But give Mike the feast where no knives and forks clatter,
When each to the neat chevey table draws nigh,
And carves for himself from the broad earthen platter
A slice of the sweet, yellow, smooth pumpkin pye.
Now there is Ellis, Connellee and Massey who delight in the figs and rasins,
McWhorter, Willits and Kelley in quaffing the milk from the coconut's shell,
Letherbury, Long Jake, and Edgar the miggett, the olive and pomegranate lavish their taste on,
The oranges a glow and the pine-apple's smell;
Mike leaves them the products of both of the Indies,
And all the rich fruits of a tropical sky;
Their exquisite juices and flavors and tings,
But he asks no dessart save the sweet pumpkin pye.
Hark! Mike the Kumple is singing to the muses of the pumpkin an onion!
Still to my bosom her green fields are dear;
Her maidens are pure as her bright crystal fountains,
And Hymen if ever, if ever thy blessings again I shall try,
O! give poor Mike the girl of his own native mountains,
Who knows how to temper the sweet pumpkin pye.

WANTED.—A good man to carry on truck farm; reference required. Apply to Walter Monro, Blackbird, Del.

FOR SALE.—Stock of general store in Middletown, Del., doing good business. Good reasons for selling. Lease will be assigned to purchaser. Possession at once. Address.
J. D. HAWKINS, Attorney,
Dover, Del.

ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Elizabeth Temple is visiting friends in Ridley Park.

Mr. D. W. Corbit and wife spent part of this week in Newark.

Mrs. Clara B. Green, of Middletown, is visiting Mrs. F. B. Watkins.

Miss Lou C. Baker is the guest of friends and relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Bertie Rose, who has been visiting in Wilmington, has returned home.

Mr. Herman Jackson, of Washington, D. C., was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Jos. Buckson and wife, of Red Lion, spent a part of this week with Mrs. Allen.

Miss Helen G. Townsend is visiting her brother, Mr. L Scott Townsend, of Wilmington.

The many friends of Miss Sallie Baker will be glad to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness.

We are glad to state that Mr. Chas. W. Lloyd, who has been very sick, is improving We are glad he will soon be entirely recovered.

Since the unfortunate fire which destroyed the creamery at Townsend, quite a number of its patrons have been bringing milk to Odessa.

"Joshua Whitcomb" was the name of the play by the Empire Theatre Co. on Wednesday evening. They are "billed" for four nights in Odessa.

Quite a number of our young people attended a masquerade party on Friday evening at the home of Mr. John Voshell near Mt Pleasant. All express themselves as having had a very pleasant time.

The sleet storm which visited town on Monday made walking very dangerous. The pavements were covered with ice and the slightest movement among the trees would bring down a shower of ice upon the pedestrian.

The wharf at the Clio's landing is undergoing repairs. New pilings are being put in and the foundation strengthened. It has been in bad condition for some time and when completed will be much improved both in appearance and strength.

The series of revival meetings which have been in progress for some time have been fairly successful. As the result quite a number have been admitted to the church on probation. The meetings will close on Friday evening as Mr. Roberts, the pastor, is suffering from throat trouble, the result of over-work.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education, on Wednesday, the following pupils were reported as being worthy of special mention for the good work they had accomplished during January: Louise T. VanDyke, N. Stevens, Mary W. Townsend, Joseph C. Eccles. Room No. 2. Frances Aspril, Joseph Heller and Rosie Maem.

Miss Susanne Sawyer entertained a few of her friends in a very pleasant manner on Saturday evening. Among those present were Mrs. W. R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watkins, Misses Annie Gibson, Elizabeth Temple, Louise VanDyke, Ethel Mailly, Martha Townsend, Mr. A. P. Corbit, Prof. G. A. Bunting and G. L. Townsend, Jr.

ROLLS OF HONOR.

DEPARTMENT No. 1. Louise Reynolds, Mabel Derrickson, Ethel E. Pitt, Dora Culbertson, Lee Corrie, Willis Clothier, Sybilla Jones, Enda Howell, Fannie Burston, Walter Green, Leo Evans, Maria H. Nowland,

DEPARTMENT, No. 2. Lizzie Hopkins, George Kelley, Florence Gill, Jessie Culbertson, Charlie Talbot, Robert Hall, Irna Pitt Edith Wilson.

DEPARTMENT, No. 3. Mary Nowland, Ella Burchard, Helen Brady, Helen Cochran, Mary Holten, Bertha Geary, Stewart Cleaver, John McGuire, Ada Davis, Minnie Smith, Bessie Craddock, Julian Cleaver, Ethel Ginn, Stella Suydam, Edgar Rowe, Joseph P. Comegys, Oscar Whitlock, Blanche Messick, Randolph Geary, Edith Allee, Louise McDowell, Ethel Rowe, Grover Talbot, Rossiter McCrone.

DEPARTMENT, No. 4. Lillian Cleaver, Annie Bordley, Mattie Roberts, May Webb, Elsie Jones, Floria Owens, Gertie Warren, May Kumpel, Lizzie Holten, Harold Dawson, Davis Gary, Maurice Bratton, Herman Wilson, George Allee.

DEPARTMENT, No. 5. Clara Lancaster Louise McCrone, Eliza Green, Victor Jones.

DEPARTMENT, No. 6. Emily Allee, Floria Blome, Irene Cleaver, Lillie Downey, Viola Jones, Annie Talbot, Sadie Booth, Clarence Cleaver, Willie Carroll, Burtis Goff.

WOODLAND SCHOOL.

The following named pupils of Woodland School have reached 90 per cent or above in studies for the month ending Jan. 30th 1896: Rena Dolson, Bessie Bishop, Edgar Bishop, Frank Dolson, Nicholas Barlow and Irving Metten.

BROWN COTTAGE SCHOOL.

The following pupils have attained an average of 90 per cent. for the Month of January: Alberta Cochran. Elva Reed, Grandon Reed, Grover Bendler, Elwood Padley, Clarence Donovan.

Public Sales.

THURSDAY, Feb. 13th—Stock and farming implements on the farm of James Vandegrift at McDonough by Wilmer Austin; D. P. Huchinson Aucctioneer.

TUESDAY, Feb. 18th—Entire Stock and farming implements on the McWhorter farm one and a half miles from St. Georges, by Samuel Austin; D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20th—Stock and Farm implements on road leading from Reybold's Station to Delaware City, by S. D. Townsend. A. I. Swan auctioneer.

THURSDAY, Feb. 27—Entire Stock and farming implements on Dr Ashcraft's farm near Salem Church by William Collins; D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY FEB. 27.—Stock and farming implements on the Willits farm, near Mt Pleasant, by Joshua Clayton, Jr.

MONDAY, FEB. 17th: Personal Property, Stock, Farming Implements, Furniture, etc. by A. K. Paxson, agent, on E. L. Clark Farm, about one and a half miles above St. Georges. See ad. in paper.

Lincoln's Birthday.

The anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will fall upon the 12th inst. The occasion will be taken advantage of by "The Philadelphia Sunday Press" of the 9th inst. to spread abroad a lesson in patriotism which cannot fail to be wholesome. On that day "The Press" will publish much interesting matter concerning the life of the great emancipator that has not hitherto been printed, Speaker Reed has lent his aid and will contribute an estimate of Lincoln's character which is certain to be entertaining and instructive. Each reader of "The Sunday Press" of the 12th will also receive a splendid portrait of Lincoln done in oil.

Following out the same idea, all readers of "The Sunday Press" on the 16th will receive a picture of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" and on the 23d a picture of the new battle-ship, "Philadelphia" The pictures for the 16th and 23d will be on cards so arranged that the figures can be cut out. The effort will be an actual portrayal of Washington's famous adventure and an exact model of the "Philadelphia" as she appears cleared for action.

The project is worthy of encouragement and there is certain to be large demand for 'The Sunday Press."

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

Miss Mabel Parvis visited relatives here this week,

Mr. Jones, of Middletown, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Pinder.

Mrs. Geo. Hart and Mrs. Geo. Atwell spent Saturday in the city.

Rev. Albert Chandler closed his extra meetings on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Mort Ginn and wife of near Sassafras visited friends here last Friday.

L. L. Maloney has been confined to the house for several days with a severe cold.

The school teachers have been giving the students an examination in all the studies during the week.

Mr. Frank Pratt and brother of near Clayton were the guests of Mrs. J. S. Lattomus on Saturday.

Mr. James Wilson moved from the Carter house into a part of Mr. Daniel Salmon's dwelling last week.

Mr. Adelbert Johnson and Miss Hannah Helveston, both of near Blackbird, were quietly married at the M. E. Parsonage on Wednesday evening.

The Townsend cornet band, together with a large company of young folks, gave Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Daniels a serenade at their home near Blackbird, on last Friday evening.

There was considerable excitement here on last Friday night, when the cry of fire was heard on our streets. It was soon found to be in the Grist mill and Creamery building belonging to Captain Wiggins. In a short time a large crowd gathered and went to work with a will, but with all their efforts it was impossible to save the mill, or dwelling and stable, which were but a few feet apart. The dwelling of Mr. Rheim was in great danger but they succeeded in saving it. Captain's furniture was nearly all saved. His loss is pretty heavy as none of the buildings were insured but the dwelling and there was only $1.000 on it. Loss estimated from $8.000 to $10.000.

CHESAPEAKE CITY.

Henry S Metz spent part of last week in Baltimore.

Miss Alma Bouchelle is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. A. E. Bennett is still lying critically ill at her home.

Capt. John Smithers is confined to his home by sickness.

Miss Carrie G. Brady is visiting Mrs. Frank Williams, of Baltimore.

Charles G. Sterling, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his cousin, Rev. Charles Davidson.

Miss Fannie Foard has been appointed post-mistrsss, vice Joseph Hedrick, deceased.

Fritts the pet pug dog of Ida Bouchelle is dead, and is greatly lamented by his many little friends.

Percy Davidson has returned from a week's visit in Cambridge. He will remain with his brother here for some time.

Miss Nellie E. Boulden entertained a number of her friends on Wednesday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Nettie McMullen.

Diebert Bros. are very busy at their Dry Dock. On making inquiry of the firm they say they have work on hand now to last them sixty days.

The tug "Elizabeth McOwen" which passed through here early Sunday evening, was destroyed by fire during the night. It had gotten within a short distance of St. Georges.

The Rail Road Gazette says the Elkton and Middletown Rail Road will certainly be commenced as soon as the main line is straightened at Iron Hill. So far the most of the building of this road has been done on paper.

A "St. Valentine's Tea" under the auspices of St. Monica's Guild, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vandegrift, on Thursday evening, Feb. 13th, proceeds for the benefit of the church. The menu will consist of chicken salad, biscuits, pickels, ices, chocolate and coffee.

It was rumored on the streets a few days ago that a man had been found in Capt. Johns Creek with his throat cut but it proved to be John Bromley who did not have his throat cut had died in his cabin from natural causes. We expected to see the city papers with large head lines announcing another murder at Chesapeake City, as it appears we are credited with all the murders that has happened here of late no matter how far away from us the deed was committed. We think our country reporters for the city papers should be a little more particular about such things and not give out a bad impression about a town when it does not deserve it.

Unappreciated Kindness.

The Richmond *Gazette* says that "a newspaper can publish column after column in praise of a man and it is taken as a matter of course. The party never thinks of saying 'thank you.' But let the same paper publish one line in criticism of that same individual and all the favors he has received from the publisher are forgotten."

It is the old story.
Praise, and your friends will hear you;
Blame, and he heeds you not,
For a word of praise in the memory stays,
Never to be forgot;
But if chiding be remembered
It is only for its sting,
And loving words, like songs of birds,
Are forever echoing.

Is the *Gazette's* statement true of publishers only, or is it general? Are men and women so ungrateful, forgetting the kindnesses and remembering only the one act of criticism? All are not so, though many are.

"Where do you purchase your dress goods?" "Of strangers; not of those to whom we are indebted socially. It is not good to mix business and pleasure." "Who was the man who by his timely action saved your house from burning last year?" "Oh! he keeps a grocery around the corner but we buy our provisions in quantity in the city. Ought to remember him perhaps but it is not convenient." "Who is that man and why do you speak to him?" "He is a local dealer in town, a gentleman every body says, and I began speaking to him during the skating season when he very kindly assisted me in learning to skate. Our folks do not deal with him but I think I should at least speak to him. He was very kind, you know."

Illustrations could be multiplied. Indeed they can be found in every community. But these are not half so selfish and mean as are the people who indulge in smiles and flattery to one's face and in insinuations and backbiting when the face is turned away, and all the time pretending to be so friendly. How mean must the hypocrite feel? Do you know how it is yourself? Then repent; repent and ask for forgiveness.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised
F. E. Bach, James Hitchens, Edmund Mitchell Jr., Mrs. Annie Frisby, Miss Sallie Andersen, John Hooper.

Bamboo Furniture at Emerson's just received and at prices to suit you.

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Monday, FEBRUARY 17th, '96

AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.,
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The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public sale, on the "Riverview Farm," near Reybold Station, on

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 8, 1896.

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Eggs, doz	14@15c
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" dressed	10c
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" dressed	12c
Turkeys, "	12@15c

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Wheat, No. 1, bus	72c
Wheat, No. 2, bus	70c
Timothy Seed, bus	2 60
Clover Seed, bus	5 50
Corn, yellow, bus	30c
Corn, cob, bus	30c
Oats, bus	18c

Of Interest .....To Farmers

SPRAYING FRUIT TREES.

Bulletin No. 19, Delaware College Experiment Station, treating of "Experiments in the Treatment of Peach Rot and of Apple Scab," is out. It is an interesting number. All these bulletins can be had by addressing a card to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Newark, Del.

No. 19 gives very interesting data and tables of tests and experiments in spraying fruit trees. We quote the general directions for spraying peach trees:

1. During the winter or very early in the spring remove from the trees all mummified fruit; gather and burn the same.

2. Very early in the spring it will be well to spray the trees thoroughly with a solution of copper sulphate (blue stone), one pound of blue-stone to twenty-five gallons of water.

3. When the fruit buds begin to swell spray either with the Acetate of Copper solution or the Bordeaux mixture

4. Just before the fruit buds open repeat the latter.

5. When bloom begins to shed spray (1) with Paris green 3 ounces to the barrel of water (to this add about a quart of whitewash, milk of lime); or (2) with Bordeaux mixture to which is added, to each barrel of the latter, 3 ounces of Paris green.

6. In 10 days or two weeks repeat the latter.

7. When fruit just begins to color spray with the Copper acetate solution.

8. Repeat the latter in a week or ten days.

In preparing the Bordeaux mixture, especial stress is to be laid on the advantage of preparing beforehand a barrel of strong blue stone solution, made so that each gallon of the solution will contain say two pounds of blue stone.

It is a great advantage to buy the blue stone coarsely pulverized, as in this form it dissolves so much more rapidly. In this condition and with hot water, a large quantity of a concentrated solution of the blue stone can be made very quickly.

It is also well to have another barrel filled with slaked lime or whitewash, By slaking a given quantity of lime for each barrel of the whitewash, provided the same is well stirred, it will be easy to tell about what weight of lime is in each gallon of the whitewash, and thus the necessary quantity can be readily added by measure.

In spraying use a nozzle which gives a misty spray, wet every part, but drench none.

It is better to spray on a cloudy or partly overcast day, or when the sun is not too hot, thus the foliage is less apt to be injured.

The experiments upon peach trees were made by Mr. J. W. Killen, Felton. Mr. S. H. Derby, Woodside, made similar experiments with apple trees, and the following general directions are given for that work:

Regarding the cost of spraying apples, Mr. Derby has estimated it, for material and labor, at about ten cents per trees for five sprayings.

This is exactly the cost as determined for peach trees. So far as my own observations go I do not think that the cost need ever exceed 15 cents per tree, and I believe that it can be done for as low as 10 cents, if all fruit growers will provide themselves with the labor-saving appliances found on Mr. Derby's place.

Mr. Derby has his copper previously dissolved and in a solution of known strength, while his lime is similarly prepared as already recommended. A boiler provides him with steam for heating water, and an elevated tank gives an abundant supply of cold water. He is thus able to mix a quantity of fungicide very quickly.

The best pump and nozzles and experienced labor enables him to work quickly, and do twice as much as an ordinary operator, who is making a beginning, can do in the same time.

In spraying apples we would recommend the course pursued by Mr. Derby in this experiment. Use the Bordeaux mixture. For the first application which should be made as soon as the buds begin to swell, London purple need not be added to the Bordeaux mixture, but for the second, third and fourth application it should be included. The second application is to be made just before the bloom opens, the third when the petals are nearly all shed, the fourth when the fruit is about the size of peas, and the fifth about two weeks later.

The profitableness of spraying apples so far as the control of the scab is concerned will depend upon the susceptibility of the variety and the likelihood of the appearance of the disease without treatment. Trees affected as little as either the Early Harvest or the Wine Sap would hardly pay the cost of spraying so far as this one disease goes.

But upon general principles we firmly believe that it will pay to spray all apple trees with a combined fungicide and insecticide, inasmuch as there are other foes than the scab fungus to be combatted by the treatment. Of these we have the various fruit rots, leaf blight, and that very formidable enemy the codling moth.

Furthermore there is reason to believe that the general health of the tree will be so greatly improved that this alone will make the spraying of apple orchards a profitable expenditure.

Chestnut Culture is receiving increased attention. The possibilities of grafting improved varities of chestnuts on seeding natives should be emphasized. It is better to graft the straight seedling chestnut than a spout from an old stump. The trees grow faster and better, and a larger proportion of the grafts thrive. This may be done when the buds are swelling, while some prefer waiting until the leaves are out.

FEEDING MARLET GARDENS.

The old idea that fertilizers were not adapted to market gardening, was long ago exploded by the practical experience of the big market gardeners near our large cities and by the truck farmers in the south. Cabbage, celery, lettuce, spinach and similar leafy vegetables depend for quality upon quick growth, and it results only from plenty of soluble plant food in the soil. "A slow growth is usually tough, dull and rusty, while a quick growth is tender, bright and crisp." Only by filling the soil with decomposed stable manure in excess of what the crops need, can the needed supply of available plant food be obtained from manure. Usually it is cheaper and more satisfactory to feed these market garden crops with fertilizers than to buy horse manure at high prices and haul or ship it long distances.

"Everything seems encouraging to the poultry business," writes one of the largest breeders of thoroughbred fowls, who also raises for both meat and eggs, and does a large business with incubators and poultry supplies. It is a curious fact that the harder the times, the more is attention turned to the hen business.

A manufacturer of goods that are sold mainly to farmers—a keen man of business whose success attests his good judgment, writes us: "I still think the farmers are the best off of any class, and as soon as business starts up and confidence is regained as a whole, I am sure that they will have a splendid market for all they can raise."

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Never "break" an animal: educate it.

Oats and peas make good pasture for pigs.

Don't let the noon hour eat up the other ten.

Rats in the crib give the teams pains in the rib.

A little salt on the farm helps to put salt in the dish.

A big farm sets too many chairs to the dinner table.

A few choice sheep on the farm are always profitable.

A broken window pane may bring the doctor in.

Little weeds, make tall weeds, but tall weeds make short corn.

The farmer that burns much gun powder will soon find a hole in his pocket book.

If all that is wasted in the kitchen could get back to the farm the farmer would become rich.

If you have a jumping cow fix a pickle barrel for her to jump into, and she won't jump long.

If your pullets are not laying yet, it should be a warning to you to hustle them out a month earlier next year.

Pour the corn into any pens that you want to fatten. But be sure and seperate them from the others, for fat hens can't lay well.

Make as little noise as possible when milking. Yelling at a cow during milking never increases the flow of milk, but tends to decrease.

Don't let the stable be dark. Animals are unhappy in dark stables, and when coming out the sudden change from darkness to light is injurious to the eyes.

A good flow of water on the farm is a blessing that cannot be rated too high. This we know by actual experience, for we have learned what it is to "miss the water when the well runs dry."

If you are to have any eggs this winter you must have everything favorable for the hens. If your house needs attention in the way of stopping leaks, and knot holes and crevices, attend to it now, for when the snow covers all, you surely, won't do it, and you surely won't get any eggs.

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Our Woman's .....Column

BELIEVE you are what is known as a 'New Woman,' Miss M?—said the writer to a lady who holds very advanced views respecting the proper status of her sex.

"Yes: I am proud to say I am."

"Do you contend that woman is man's equal in all things?"

"Certainly."

"But she has not distinguished herself in the history of the world quite to the extent that man has?"

"No; for the simple reason that she has always been kept in subjection. She has never had an equal chance."

"Otherwise, I presume, we should have had women the equals, or superiors, of Shakespeare, Raphael, Isaac Newton, Nelson, Wellington and all the rest?"

"Unquestionably. Woman has never been allowed to develop herself physically or mentally. It has served the brutal purpose of men to treat her as the weaker vessel, to regard her as a chattel, and make her a slave to their domestic comforts. But at last our eyes have been opened, and we are entering upon a new order of things. The tyranny will soon be overpast."

"Then, you do not believe that women needs the protecting, strong arm of man?"

"Certainly not. Women have just as much courage as men; very often more. They will endure without a cry physical suffering under which a man will writher and howl. In the hour of danger it is the woman who stands calm and composed, while the man loses his presence of mind and is panic-stricken."

The writer had placed unnoticed on the floor a small clock-work mouse which he held down with his foot. At this point he liberated it, and it ran quickly across the carpet in full view of the lady and disappeared under a sofa.

The "New Woman" gave a fearful shriek, sprang to the seat of a chair, and stood livid with fear.

"A mouse!" she cried. "Did you see it? Oh, kill it! Do—do kill it! Where is it gone? Please keep it away from me!"

But the writer had himself taken refuge on a chair, where he simulated a condition of abject terror.

"I—I really couldn't, Miss M——. You see, I'm only a m-m-man. You do it! You are a woman, remember—always calm and composed in danger."

"Oh, you coward! The idea of a man being frightened at a mouse!"

"But you are frightened, too."

"It's a curious antipathy I have."

"Look out! It's trying to get up the leg of your chair!"

The lady gave another shriek, and made a pitiful appeal for help.

"Oh, please, please do something! If you don't, I shall faint."

The writer, thinking the joke had gone far enough, declared that he could not see a woman in distress without going to her assistance, no matter what the consequence. He, therefore, went in search of the enemy, and after diving beneath the sofa and knocking over a few chairs, he stood before her with the mouse dangling by the tail from between his finger and thumb.

When the "New Woman" saw the clock-work and knew the trick that had been played upon her, she demonstrated that in expressions of withering scorn and contempt her sex is far and away man's superior. Among other thing, the writer is "a mean, horrid ungentlemanly fellow, and she will never forgive him—never!"

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HYGIENIC HINTS.

The woman who sleeps in an unaired room is courting headaches and languor. The window should be lowered at least three inches at the top and raised an inch at the bottom to allow the free circulation of air. If the bed is in a line with the window a screen should be used to keep the breeses off the sleeper. It goes without saying that steam or furnace heat should never be turned on in a sleeping room at night.

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The morning bath should not be a lengthy affair, taken in a tub full of water. Such baths are temporarily enervating and should be taken only when the bather has ample opportunity to recover from them. The morning bath should be taken standing in a few inches of water, and should be a shower It should be followed by a brisk rubbing with rough towels.

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Breakfast should be nourishing, but not heavy, unless one is engaged in out door labor. The luncheon of indoor and brain workers, should also be very light. A heavy meal causes the blood to be withdrawn from other parts of the body to the stomach, there to do the work of digestion. Is the brain also makes a demand upon the blood supply neither brain nor stomach is properly provided for and the work of both is unsatisfactorily done.

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One should sleep not merely six or eight hours a night, but until, or e wakes refreshed. The time will very with different women. Sleep restores the nervous power more than any other part of the system, and those who make the greatest drain on their nervous forces need the most sleep.

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Philadelphia	11 16	‖7 25	‖10 30	‖2 02	‖3 46	‖5:50
Baltimore	6 45	6 25	8 50	12 05	3.00	5:27
Wilmington	12 01	8 13	11 03	2.50	4 27	6:58
Farnhurst		f 8.22		f 2 58		
New Castle		8 27		3 03		7:06
State Road		f8 33		f 3.08		f 7:11
Bear		f8.38		f 3 13		7:16
Porter		8 45			4 51	7:23
Kirkwood		8 50	a11 33	f 3.22		7:28
Mt. Pleasant		8.59		f 3.31		f 7:36
Armstrong		f 9 03				7:40
Middletown	12.44	9 08	11.49	3.40	5 16	7: 6
Townsend		9 17		f 3.48	5.25	7:54
Blackbird		f 9 22		f 3.52		f 7:59
Gr'n Spring		f 9.27		f 3.58		f8:05
Clayton	1 02	9 33	12 06	4.05	5 37	8:10
Smyrna...LV		9 23	11.56	3.52	5.27	8:00
Brenford		f9.38		f 4.10		f8:15
Cheswold		f9.43		f 4.15		f 8:21
Dupont				f 4.18		
Dover	1 29	9.54	12 22	4.25	5 56	8:31
Wyoming	a 1.27	10.01	f12 28	4 31	6.02	8:37
Woodside		f10 08		f 4 37		
Viola		f10 12		f 4.41		
Felton	a 1 40	10 17	f12 39	4.46	6.14	
Harrington	1.59	10 32	12 53	5.02	6.24	
Farmington		f10 40	a 1.00		f 6.32	
Greenwood		f10.48	a 1.07		f 6.40	
Bridgeville	a 2 14	10.56	f 1.15		6.49	
Cannons		f11 01			f 6.54	
Seaford	2.26	11 11	1 26		7.02	
Laurel	a 2.38	11 22	f 1 36		7.13	
Delmar	2.50	11.32	1 46		7.24	
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	11.08			‖8 15	‖2 26	‖3.45
Laurel	f 1.21			8.15	2.36	3.56
Seaford	1.34			8 29	f 2 46	4.10
Cannons				f 8 37		f 4.18
Bridgeville	p 1.48			8 43	f 2 58	4.23
Greenwood				f 8.5		f 4.33
Farmington				f 8 59		f 4:41
Harrington	2.22		‖8.05	9 13	3.20	4:52
Felton	2.32		8.14	9.22	f 3.30	5:01
Viola			f8.18	f 9 27		f 5:05
Woodside			f8 22	f 9 31		f 5:09
Wyoming	2:44	‖7 00	f8 29	9 38	f 3 41	5:16
Dover	2.50	7 05	8.35	9 45	3.47	5:23
Dupont		f7.10				
Cheswold		f7.16		f 9.57		f 5:32
Brenford		f7.21		f10 02		f 5:36
Smyrna...LV		7.16	8 42	9 58	3.52	5:27
Clayton	3.06	7 26	8.52	10.08	4.02	5:41
Gr'n Spring		f7.30				f 5:46
Blackbird		f7.36		f10.17		f 5:52
Townsend		7 41	9 06	10 22	4.15	5:57
Middletown	3.29	7.51	9 15	10 31	4 24	6:06
Armstrong		f7.55				f 6:10
Mt Pleasant		7.59		f10 39		6:14
Kirkwood		8.08		10.47		6:25
Porter		8.15	9 34	10.52	4.41	6:30
Bear		f8.20		f10 57		6:35
State Road		f8 25		f11 01		6:39
New Castle		8.31	9 45	11 07		6:44
Farnhurst		f8.36	‖9 50	‖11.12		
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	9 58	11 20	5 05	6:56
Baltimore	6 26	‖7 37	11 15	12.35	6.55	‖8:40
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10 46	12.06	5.52	7:51
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‖ Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of